

Reducing Food Waste in Carlsbad

SB 1383 New Requirements for Businesses

What is SB 1383?

SB 1383 is a state law that establishes statewide targets to reduce organic waste disposal and to increase edible food recovery. Cities and counties are required to implement a variety of programs to advance these goals. The California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) has the authority to enforce participation and penalize non-compliance.

SB 1383 Timeline		
2020	2022	2025
<i>State Targets</i> 50% reduction in waste disposal	<i>Local Programs Take Effect</i> Organics recycling & food donation programs begin.	<i>State Targets</i> 75% reduction in waste disposal 20% increase in food donations

Why was this law created?



Organic waste in landfills emits 20% of the state's methane.



500,000 tons of food are wasted in San Diego County each year.



One in five San Diegans are food insecure.

How will SB 1383 impact my organization?

1

New food waste recycling service.

Republic Services has been selected as the new franchised hauler and will offer organic waste collection and processing to your business.

2

New food donation requirements.

Specific businesses will be required to start donating surplus food to food recovery organizations (e.g. food banks, food pantries, soup kitchens, etc.)

The #1 Priority: Reduce Food Waste

SB 1383 puts programs in place that are designed to help recycle food waste and recover edible food before it can become waste to begin with.

The #1 priority, though, should always be to reduce food waste. There are many strategies for reducing food waste, including optimized purchasing, smart food storage, and zero waste cooking techniques.



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New! Food Waste Recycling Service

All residents and commercial businesses in Carlsbad will receive organics recycling services through the City's franchised waste hauler.



- ✓ The City will be conducting waste assessments to right-size your services.
- ✓ You will be provided with a new bin for recycling organic waste and you'll receive guidance about what can go into the bin (e.g. food scraps, food soiled paper, etc.)
- ✓ City staff may inspect your organization for compliance and contamination monitoring.

Key Dates

July 1, 2022

Organic waste collection services rolled out to all Carlsbad businesses in partnership with Republic Services.

2

New! Food Donation Requirements

The food donation requirements apply to select industries only, which are categorized into a tier system.



Tier One Generators*

supermarkets, grocery stores, food service providers, food service distributors, wholesale vendors

Tier Two Generators*

restaurants, hotels, health facilities, large venues, state agencies, and local education agencies

*Size restrictions apply. See CalRecycle's website (www.calrecycle.ca.gov/organics/slcp)

If your organization is a Tier One or Tier Two Generator, you are required to:

- ✓ Donate the maximum amount of edible food that would otherwise be disposed to a food recovery organization or service (e.g. food banks, food pantries, soup kitchens, etc.)
- ✓ Establish contracts or written agreements with food recovery organizations that will collect your excess edible food.
- ✓ Maintain records of food donation activities.

Key Dates

January 1, 2022

Tier One Generators must comply with SB 1383 food donation requirements.

January 1, 2024

Tier Two Generators must comply with SB 1383 food donation requirements.

Please visit the city's Sustainable Materials Management website for additional resources at www.carlsbadca.gov/recycling or email us at recycle.trash@carlsbadca.gov for questions.

